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Invention Title OXIDATION METHOD FOR PREPARING HIGHLY PURE MODAFINIL, CRYSTALLINE FORMS OF MODAFINIL, AND METHODS OF PREPARING THE CRYSTALLINE FORMS		Inventor(s) Claude SINGER et al.	

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SIR:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, delete lines 7-11 and replace with the following paragraph:

~~CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

The present application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/221,110, filed July 27, 2000; 60/226,491, filed August 18, 2000; 60/229,160, filed August 30, 2000; 60/230,088 filed September 5, 2000 and 60/259,332 filed January 2, 2001 which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Respectfully submitted

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